



ELEGANT RESORTS & VILLAS OF
TAHITI & HER ISLANDS

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GETTING AROUND TAHITI & HER ISLANDS

Papeete on the Island of Tahiti is the gateway for all international arrivals and departures. All domestic flights to the Islands depart Papeete during daylight hours. As most international flights arrive and depart late, an overnight stopover in Papeete is required upon arrival and prior to departure.

Upon arrival in Papeete, Elegant Resorts & Villas will arrange for you to be met and seamlessly transferred to your Papeete hotel.

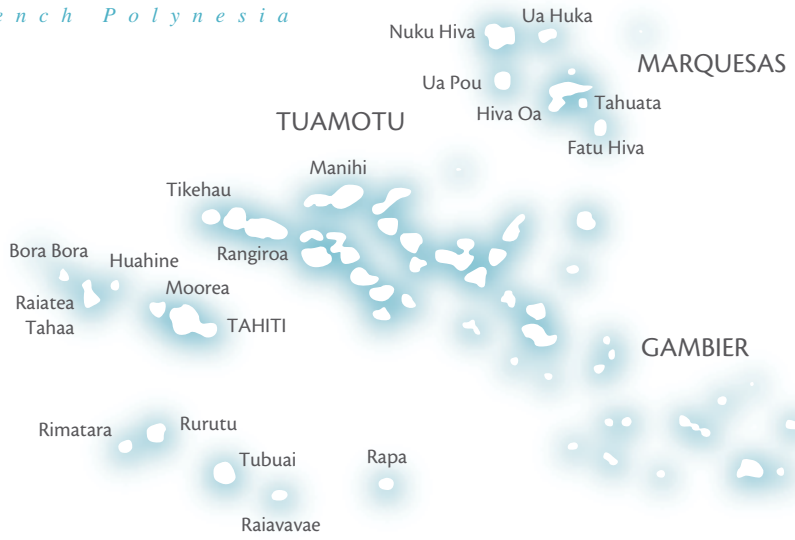
Daily flights to the main islands:

Papeete to Moorea	Flight 10 mins or catamaran 30 mins
Papeete to Bora Bora	Flight 50 mins
Papeete to Taha'a	Flight 45 mins plus speedboat 40 mins
Bora Bora to Taha'a	Helicopter 15 mins

TRANSFER TIMES FROM PAPEETE AIRPORT TO ISLAND RESORT



French Polynesia



Pacific Ocean



ISLAND EXPERIENCES

Beyond the Ordinary

Elegant Resorts & Villas of “Tahiti & Her Islands” await the sophisticated traveller who seeks distinguished standards of style and comfort alongside experiences beyond the ordinary.

Create your own Tales of the South Pacific. Explore far horizons and discover castaway magic within surroundings of incredible natural beauty.

Become marooned in luxury. Tumble into turquoise waters from the deck of your overwater bungalow. Enjoy personal raptures of the deep face-to-face with amazing marine life.

Indulge both inner and outer senses. Be cooled by sea breezes infused with the aroma of vanilla, tiare and fragrant oils perfumed with crushed flowers.

Enjoy fine French cuisine and wines and be dazzled by the radiance of stars reflected in the rippling waters, whilst beach side dining.

Sail Tahiti and Her Islands, exploring palm fringed inlets, limpid lagoons and bone-white sands aboard sophisticated cruise ships specifically designed to pamper and please.

Elegant Resorts & Villas individually tailors island experiences. We delight in fulfilling specific requests and assisting with indulgent escapes; honeymoons, significant occasions, spa retreats, and holidays for families and good friends. Explore the possibilities. We look forward to finding you, your perfect place in paradise.

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JAMES MICHENER REFERRED TO THE LAGOONS OF BORA BORA AS

the most beautiful in the world.

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Tahiti's 118 islands are sprinkled like diamonds over a vast oceanic area almost the size of continental Europe. Of its five archipelagos, each with its own particular character and charm, the Society Islands are the best known for Moorea and Bora Bora. The Society Islands are a group of high islands, lush and tropical, circled by turquoise coral reefs and lucid lagoons.
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In total contrast are The Tuamotu Islands, which are a collection of low atolls. Each island encircles its own lagoon with a ring of coral and beneath the clear waters are spectacular underwater gardens and fish of every imaginable size, shape and colour.

The French Polynesian islands enjoy a year round tropical climate. The pleasant temperature is cooled by the trade winds of the Pacific that blow throughout the year. The average temperature is 27C and the lagoon temperature is a constant 26C. The less humid months and most popular are May to October, which is the ideal time to witness fiery sunsets and the clearest night skies.

Snorkelling and diving are excellent at most times of the year due to the clarity of the lagoons, which harbor a kaleidoscope of tropical fish and other marine life.

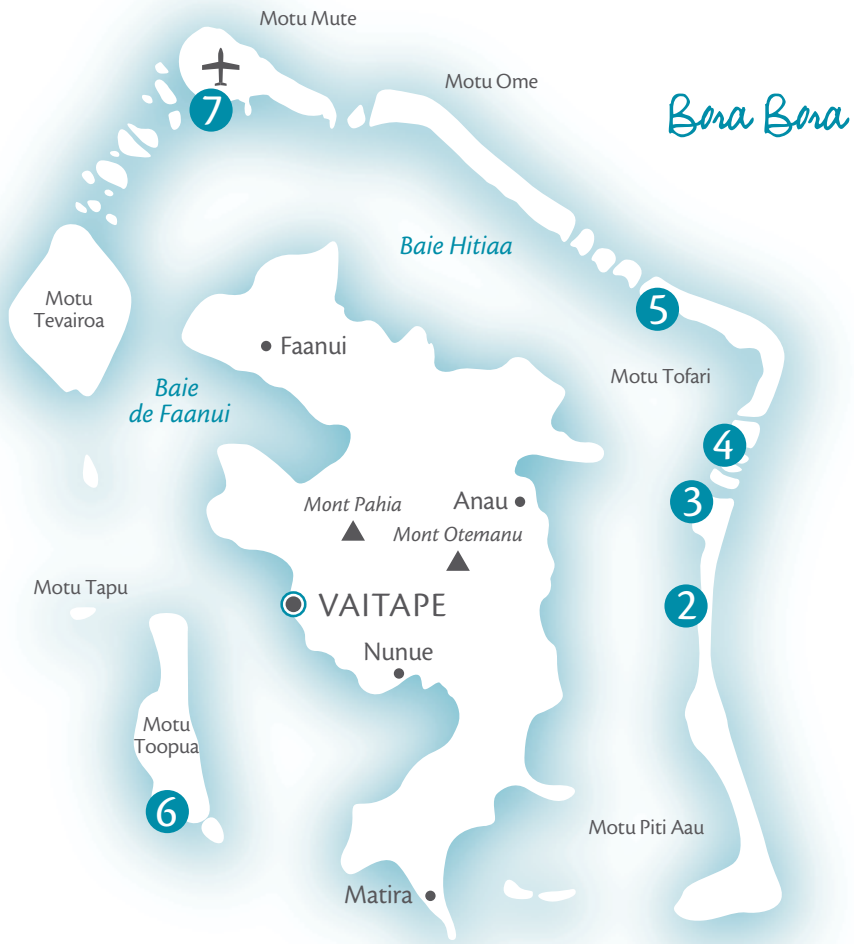
For an ideal stay and if time permits divide your time between the islands. To experience contrasting islands and the premium resorts consider Bora Bora and Moorea or Taha'a. For a luxurious exploration of all of the Society Islands, consider cruising aboard the "Tia Moana".

Whilst French and Tahitian are the local languages, English is widely spoken. The Polynesian people, who proudly retain many of their ancient cultural traditions, have a carefree nature, are hospitable and welcome visitors with warm island smiles and a traditional lei strung with perfumed flowers.

Whilst Bora Bora was home to the famous overwater bungalow, they are now the pride and joy of most resorts on most main islands.

No visit to Tahiti is complete until you have shopped for her beautiful pearls. This of course would be a precious souvenir of the astounding beauty of Tahiti and Her Islands.





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GETTING AROUND BORA BORA

Bora-Bora is a scenic 50-minute flight from Tahiti. From the air, as from the ground, it is dazzling. Two towering peaks of black rock soar above the ten-kilometre long island. The lagoon, a barrier reef and myriad of islets, called motu, surround Bora Bora.

Arriving visitors land on an airstrip originally built by American soldiers during World War 2. Leaving the aircraft, simply grab your bags in the open air terminal and board a boat to your resort.

On the main island, experience a fun 4WD safari, a serious hiking day or browse in the little galleries and pearl stores in Vaitape. There is an array of under and over water excursions to discover the lagoons. Boat transfers and taxi boats operate between the motu based resorts and the main island. All can be pre arranged by Elegant Resorts & Villas.

TRANSFER TIMES FROM BORA BORA & TAHA'A TO RESORTS



BORA BORA

The quintessential tropical paradise

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Tahiti's most famous island is also one of the world's most dramatically beautiful; a reasonably large and precipitous land mass crowned by no less than three peaks, all enclosed within lagoon waters of the utmost limpidity.
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Bora Bora is the embodiment of enchantment and certainly fulfils most notions of a South Pacific paradise. Small wonder it has been called the "Pearl of the Pacific".

Dominating the landscape is Mt Otemanu, a sheer volcanic plug soaring 727m to pierce the clouds with its jagged, broken peak. Nearby, shoulder to shoulder amid thick skirts of tropical green, rise Mt Pahia and the pointed Mt Popoti.

There is only one pass through the reef into the lagoon. It is directly opposite the main village of Vaitape, the main hub of activity for the island's inhabitants. A partially paved road winds leisurely around the island through villages and past archaeological sites, derelict World War 2 army bunkers and long-discarded American cannons.

Bora Bora is a hugely popular holiday destination and differs markedly from placid Taha'a and Raiatea. It may lack unaffected rural charm, yet more than compensates with its outstanding natural beauty and a collection of smart resorts. This is certainly an excellent location for those seeking an escape to paradise.

TAHA'A - L'ÎLE VANILLE

The Vanilla Island that has retained the seductive charm of Polynesia

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Called the Vanilla Island, because it produces 80% of Polynesia's "black gold", Taha'a is smaller than its neighbouring Raiatea but they share the richest lagoon of the Society Islands.
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The marine life here is sensational. There are more than thirty noted dive sites, some deep, some with caves, as well as established dives in two of the eight passes through the surrounding reef.

Accessible only by a short boat ride from the island of Raiatea, it is much less visited than Bora Bora. Taha'a may not have amazing beaches but there are many lovely motu and sandy islets, particularly fringing the north-west reef. On a motu called Tautau is the Relais & Chateaux Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa. With exceptional views of Taha'a Island and distant Bora Bora this is an ideal location for those seeking a luxurious Robinson Crusoe island experience.





LE TAHA'A ISLAND RESORT & SPA

Private Island Escape

If you have always dreamed of jetting away to a private island and escaping to a gorgeous Polynesian resort, stop dreaming! Board a flight to Raiatea and take a connecting speedboat transfer or drop in by helicopter from Bora Bora to Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa.

Superbly located on Motu Tautau on the coral reef, the resort faces the island of Taha'a on the lagoon side and offers an unsurpassed view to Bora Bora Island on the ocean side.

Le Taha'a exudes an air of intimate sophistication with just 60 suites in total. It has a casual and serene atmosphere with appeal to those seeking serious time out and romantics seeking a low-key escape. For families the attraction is the Beach Villas due to their closed walls and spacious design. A full range of activities are on offer; snorkelling and an on-site dive centre, island excursions, tennis by night or just lounging by the fresh water swimming pool.

The overwater suites are typically Polynesian built with local materials and finished with a nautical touch. Complete with a private deck and a shaded fare, the outdoor area is ideal for dining and relaxing or slipping directly into the lagoon for a refreshing dip. Whilst the overwater villas are the

same in size and layout, the location determines the view, mainly towards Taha'a or the more desirable Bora Bora.

The dozen wonderfully private and spacious beach villas are dotted along the beachfront. Hidden behind high dry stonewalls are an enclosed private patio, tropical garden and plunge pool. Chef can prepare a meal to be served on your terrace and for special occasions, will decorate your fare with tropical flowers and candles.

At the far end of the Island through a coconut grove and between a small lake and the lagoon is the Polynesian indoor - outdoor Manea Spa. There are massage rooms beside the lake, a double massage room with Jacuzzi overlooking the water, and a double open-air Vichy-shower. The ingredients for treatments are delicious using local flowers and plants such as vanilla, sandalwood, coconut and pineapple.

Dining is a relaxed experience at Le Taha'a, during the day by the pool and beachside and in the evening among the treetops in the main restaurant or fine dining on select nights. There are two bars. A sumptuous breakfast delivered to your overwater villa by outrigger canoe is a must when in Paradise.

✈ 45 mins + 🚤 40 mins

Main pic Royal Beach Villa; top right Lobby; bottom left Polynesian Overwater Bungalow; bottom middle Treetops Restaurant; bottom right Beach Villa.



FOUR SEASONS RESORT BORA BORA

Understated Elegance

Tahiti's latest luxury addition, The Four Seasons Bora Bora, will transport you to another place: Heaven. From the moment of arrival, warm smiles welcome you to a world of understated elegance.

Inspired by Polynesian architecture, the village-like resort blends into a lush world of unsurpassed tropical beauty and takes full advantage of the view from dazzling white beaches to the soaring peaks of Mount Otemanu, from the soft light of dawn to brilliant sunsets and star filled nights.

Nestling within this retreat are 100 thatched over-water bungalows and seven beachfront villas, four restaurants and bars, an outdoor pool, a sumptuous spa, fitness centre, a dedicated island for teens, a Kids "For All Seasons" with its own pool and a wide array of recreational activities.

The secluded Spa has seven luxurious treatment rooms, three exclusively for couples and two tranquil thatched outdoor pavilions. Steam rooms, an ice room and a mineral whirlpool form part of this enticing space.

The over-water bungalows offer the complete Polynesian lagoon experience with views of the beach, mountain and lagoon. Ideal for families of four, the spacious living room has seating for four,

including a pullout sleeper sofa. Eight overwater bungalows have expansive views and a private plunge pool sunken into their overwater decks. The ultimate being four Otemanu Bungalows, named after their stunning views to Mount Otemanu, each with a spacious living room and dining room and can accommodate two adults and two children.

Interiors are decorated in a tranquil palette of soft calm colours. Furnishings include a king bed, plasma and an oversized bathtub specially designed for relaxing while enjoying marvellous lagoon views.

The largest villas in the resort are the two and three bedroom beach villas. Ideal for families or groups of friends, these villas have their own enclosed garden brimming with coconut trees, bougainvilleas, tiaré and a private pool. Plus, stunning views and patio for lounging and outdoors dining.

Wining and dining options revolve around open-air, thatched-roof restaurants and bars within tropical surroundings. Sea breezes and plantation-style ceiling fans add to the airy ambience. The cuisine is modern Polynesian with French culinary influences.

✈ 50 mins + 🚤 15 mins

main pic turquoise waters leading to the main reception; *right from top* relax at the spa; the Beach Villa with own private pool; Overwater Bungalow interior; Kids "For All Seasons"; and the poolside cabanas.



HILTON BORA BORA NUI RESORT & SPA

Secluded with Endless Horizon Views

What makes this resort so special and so different from the others is its location in relation to the main island of Bora Bora. Built around a sacred and legendary cove of white sand and majestic lava rock, the resort rises above what James Michener called "the most beautiful lagoon in the world." Unlike others with a view to Bora Bora, here the skyline meets the turquoise lagoon and the two blend beautifully to create one endless horizon.

Bora Bora Nui Spa suites are situated among palm trees on a terraced hillside overlooking the resort's private cove and to the lagoon beyond. The Spa is housed hilltop with spectacular 360-degree view of Bora Bora's famous Mt. Otemanu and the islands of Taha'a and Raiatea.

The open-air treatment pavilions are built into the top of the black lava hill. Each has its own Jacuzzi for two and overlooks the resort's 16 acres. If you are inclined to visit the Spa, reserve a Hillside Spa Villa and receive your Spa treatments in-villa.

Of the 120 spacious suites, over 80 are overwater and most generous in size. The interiors are sumptuously decorated in dark mahogany and an inviting four-poster bed dominates. A cream billowing canopy over the bed creates a dreamy feel to the romantic scene.

Rattan pieces, hand-printed tapa cloths, and chandeliers made from highly polished oyster shells add an Island touch. The large Italian marble bathrooms are a bright contrast to the living areas. Viewing panels to the marine life below line the bathtub. Full-length doors lead to the outdoor deck equipped with day beds and ample space for dining, chatting and snoozing.

Two overwater duplex villas are the envy of the lagoon. With a living room, two bedrooms, outdoor lap pool and spa treatment room on the second level.

Overall the atmosphere at this resort is relaxing and quietly refined. Bora Bora Nui is a large resort however cleverly retains a feeling of exclusivity and relative emptiness, even when the occupancy can be high. During the day guests are reluctant to leave their Villa. In the evening buggies quietly whisk guests to the heart of the resort; the bar and dining spots gently lit with flaming Polynesian torches create a hint of South Pacific. Dining at Bora Bora Nui can be as casual or smart as you wish. Imagine dining with your toes in the sand at the barefoot restaurant.

✈ 50 mins + 🚤 30 mins

main pic aerial view; right from top views from the spa; Overwater interior; by the pool; and breakfast.





ST REGIS BORA BORA

Glamorous

The St Regis Resort Bora Bora, on Motu Ome'e, is one of the elegant new stars in French Polynesia and entrenched itself firmly on the glamour resort list when Nicole Kidman honeymooned at the resort when it opened in 2006. A 44-acre private retreat with elegantly appointed Villas, St Regis still boasts the largest Villas in French Polynesia.

Protected by a unique saltwater lagoon, the property is exquisitely designed with contemporary interiors of rich, exotic woods splashed with bright coral and pink soft furnishings.

As well as sixty plus overwater villas there are a total of eight luxury overwater villas with private Jacuzzis on an expansive outdoor deck. There are also five two-bedroom overwater villas, which have private swimming pools, built over the lagoon.

Nestled on the powdery sands of the Island are the One Bedroom Beach Pool Villas with separate living room opening directly to the outdoors. A terrace with plunge pool and private garden has direct access to the beach where the sand is white and the lagoon azure.

On the opposite side of the resort are the larger six Ocean Front Pool Villas with one and two bedrooms, infinity pool and ocean front garden. Listen to the crashing waves; take in the salt air and the breathtaking views of the neighbouring islands of Raiatea and Taha'a.

✈ 50 mins + 🚤 30 mins

Set on a secluded cove on the beach's pristine white sand, the Royal Estate is more than 8,000 square feet with three bedrooms, a private swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna.

Guests enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor dining options. The signature restaurant is suspended over water and features breathtaking views of Mount Otemanu. For a more casual dining experience, the grill features an open kitchen and is beachside. The sushi bar features an array of sushi, seafood, and sake.

The resort features a main pool with a swim-up bar and a romantic adult pool that offers private day beds. The 12,000 square-foot world-class Spa is located on an island in the lagoon offering Tahitian and Balinese treatments using natural herbs and tropical extracts from the Island for an unforgettable and sensual experience.

KIDS CLUB

The St. Regis is proud to entertain its littlest guests with an array of fun-filled activities. A secluded beach and an indoor play area are among the resort's dedicated facilities for kids from 5 to 12. From discovering the surrounding nature to learning about local Polynesian craftsmanship, kids will be overjoyed by the diverse indoor and outdoor activities.

main pic the end of the pontoon Overwater Villa; *top right* spacious bathrooms; *middle right* the spa; *bottom right* Villa interior with private pool overlooking the Lagoon.



LE MÉRIDIEN BORA BORA

Swim with the Turtles

Le Méridien Bora Bora was one of the first on the over-water scene in Bora Bora, which explains its prime location. Sitting on the northern tip of an atoll-like island stretching 10km along the south-eastern side of the outer reef, ensuring marvellous views of Mt Otemanu from the public areas of the resort.

The property is also famed for its seawater-fed, lake like lagoon, in which you can swim with endangered sea turtles, bred in the lagoon as a part of the resort's award-winning preservation program.

Of the 98 identical bungalows, 82 are built overwater mostly with views across the lagoon. The overwater bungalows are notable for the huge glass panels in the floor, from where you can see the colourful marine life below. The outdoor balcony is a relaxing space to observe lagoon activity and the lower deck is ideal for slipping into the clear blue waters.

Dotted around the curve of the shallow lagoon with spectacular views to Bora Bora are 6 beach bungalows sitting on soft sand amongst tropical gardens and under the shade of coconut palms. Step from your bungalow deck onto the soft

sand and down into the lagoon. Each bungalow offers its own private beach, with deck chairs and hammocks to laze the days away. These bungalows are well suited to Mum & Dad and two small children who enjoy a relaxed atmosphere.

Le Méridien is family friendly and whilst there is no dedicated kids club, there is a selection of activities to keep the kids occupied, a playground, kid-sized windsurf boards, and snorkelling equipment for two and older.

The main beach area with its striking white sand is the hub of resort activities; jet-skiing, catamaran cruise, lagoonarium, parasailing, water-skiing, shark and ray feeding, deep-sea fishing and aqua safaris. Close by is the infinity pool with picture perfect views to Bora Bora.

Dining at Le Méridien Bora Bora is a casual affair with the restaurant and bars strategically placed to take advantage of that special view; overlooking the resort's interior lagoon, poolside with feet in the sand and the Miki Miki Bar is designed as a prow of a ship, pointing toward Mount Otemanu. It is a unique setting in which to savour a house cocktail while watching the overwhelming beauty of the sunset across the lagoon.

✈ 50 mins + 🚤 20 mins

main pic aerial view of the Overwater Bungalows: *right from top* swimming with the turtles; skimming the lagoon; the beach bungalows; too cute; and the stunning glass floor of the Overwater Bungalows.



INTERCONTINENTAL BORA BORA RESORT & THALASSO SPA

Contemporary Island Chic

Thalasso not only brings to Bora Bora and the islands, a refreshing hip and contemporary style, but also the largest Spa in the Islands. The Deep Ocean Spa that is the epicentre of this very polished resort.

InterContinental has a long and strong tradition in the islands of French Polynesia. Most recently introducing Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa, the first in French Polynesia with all over water bungalows. Eighty in total, fanning across the bay, each with various views to the beach, across the lagoon and eight that boast premium views of Mount Otemanu.

Contemporary, yet comfortable and practical, the bungalows are spacious and bright. Both the living room and bathroom open onto a terrace with access to the lagoon. The living room features a glass bottom coffee tables serving as aquariums, and the bathroom has a large soak tub positioned with views to the lagoon. The exception to the overwater rule, are three two-bedroom "Motu" suites tucked away in a coconut grove being perfect for families.

Guests are attracted to the restaurants and bars on the beach, where trendy décor meets traditional Polynesian art the resort has borrowed from its surroundings. Also prominent is the talent of local artisan's authentic Polynesia style visible in the property's woodcarving, pandanus weaving, tapa cloth and mother of pearl engravings. This blends perfectly with the contemporary all-white Bubbles Bar and Restaurant.

For total indulgence, check into the extraordinary indoor-outdoor Deep Ocean Algoterm Spa. Mineral-rich seawater extracted from below sea level is used in the signature treatments. The Spa area has a maze of areas for hydrotherapy, beauty care and gentle energy. Treatment rooms are glass-floored overwater bungalows enabling you to admire the marine life below during your pampering sessions. Relaxation areas have an unobstructed view over the ocean. Multisensorial outdoor spas, steam baths and rain showers awaken the senses. Afterwards relax in the tea lounge or browse in the boutique.

Additionally, InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa features an over water wedding chapel with a glass bottom floor. This is a magical place to exchange or renew vows.

✈ 50 mins + 🚗 30 mins

Main pic Stunning views from the beach to Mount Otemanu; *right from top* Thalasso Spa; bathroom with soak tub; views from the Overwater Bungalow; gourmet cuisine; living room with glass viewing panel; aerial view of Overwater Bungalows.





NOMADE YACHTING BORA BORA

Intimate Lagoon Cruising

The super sleek 70-metre cruise-yacht, Ti'a Moana, provides the epitome of boutique lagoon cruising. Ti'a Moana cruises the calm waters of the leeward Society Islands, through gorgeous lagoons of brilliant blues and greens, ensuring guests enjoy a relaxed yet refined experience amongst the most mystical of Polynesian islands.

Apart from the intimacy and luxuriousness, it is the yacht's astoundingly shallow draft, ideal for lagoons, which allows Ti'a Moana to venture into waters off-limits to larger vessels. Drop anchor beside the finest white beach, close to an island village or beside a sandy motu.

The à-la-carte island discovery, cruises to the brilliant waters surrounding Taha'a, Raiatea and Huahine and are deliberately designed to blend beauty with hedonism and is the closest approximation to owning your own private luxury yacht.

One romantic tropical night may be spent watching films screened under the stars on a deserted islet. On one sunny morning, breakfast is served on linen and fine china at a table standing in shallow lagoon waters. Sophisticated gourmet dinners showcase the finest French cuisine and wines.

Ti'a Moana accommodates just 40 guests. Two sumptuous suites are located on Bridge Deck. Eighteen spacious guest rooms are located between the upper and main deck. All are air-conditioned with large picture windows, original artworks and the finest quality beds and Egyptian linen. In your bathroom are fragrant Tahitian soaps and scented lotions. Guest rooms have a mini-bar, telephone, flat screen TV with DVD player, radio and CD.

Apart from relaxing on the sun decks, guests can laze in a Jacuzzi tub and enjoy the indulgences of the Nomade Spa. The yacht has two bars, gourmet restaurant, lounge, gym, gift shop and library with Internet access.

Seven-day cruises depart Bora Bora every Monday morning and return the following Sunday afternoon. An array of optional activities is available on each Island, if you can remove yourself from the Ti'a Moana.

✈ 50 mins

Main pic cruising across a Bora Bora lagoon; *left from top* cabin interior; private escape; the Bridge Deck; African decor on deck; the Bora Bora Suite; afternoon dining on deck.



MOOREA

The quintessential Polynesian dreamscape

Moorea is a truly wonderful vision; a huge hump of black volcanic rock, the remnant of an ancient volcano, rises sheer from the ocean. Its slopes, many covered in pineapple plantations, rise giddily to the majestic peaks of Tohiewa, Rotui, Mouaroa and Mouaputa. It is the quintessential Polynesian dreamscape.

Only 17 kms from Papeete, this is the second most visited island after Tahiti. Moorea's appeal is fundamentally picturesque; lush vegetation and a striking landscape set against the brilliant shifting colours of the lagoon. Its rugged interior is thinly populated and virtually untouched. Most of the inhabitants live in small coastal villages connected by the 60-km round-island road.

Visitors congregate on the north coast, particularly around Cooks Bay and Hauru Point, which houses Moorea's best beaches. The crystal clear lagoon is renowned for its excellent visibility and is the stage for many water activities and top dive sites.

For the active visitor and those seeking an authentic island experience, Moorea will please. The island is easily explored by open-air jeep. For a short exploration and a great fun adventure, pack a picnic and hire a bike from your resort. 4WD safaris will take you up into the interior of the island to pineapple plantations, discovering cool waterfalls and deep valleys along the way.

During the months of July to October, the humpback whales visit the water off Moorea. A dolphin and whale watching eco-expeditions is a memorable way to see these amazing mammals. Alternatively, golf lovers can tee off at largest Golf Course in the Islands. All can be pre arranged by Elegant Resorts & Villas.



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GETTING AROUND MOOREA

Moorea is the first Tahitian island seen by most visitors and it certainly does not disappoint. Having arrived in French Polynesia at night, the magnificent sight of Tahiti's sister island is what greets most guests on awakening in their Papeete hotel.

Moorea is a quick 10-minute flight from Papeete airport or a 30-minute catamaran ride from the downtown waterfront area of Papeete. Arriving visitors are met and transferred by vehicle to their resort. The island can be discovered via the by the 60-kms meandering round-island road.

TRANSFER TIMES FROM MOOREA TO RESORTS



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SOFITEL MOOREA LA ORA BEACH RESORT

Lush and Tropical

Contemporary and stylish after a serious makeover, the Sofitel Moorea la Ora Beach Resort has raised the resort benchmark in Moorea. Situated in a premium location on the east coast of the Island on the edge of a magnificent azure lagoon, the views are back to the island of Tahiti. The gardens are truly stunning, lush tropical, floral and fragrant with the scent of tiaré.

The 114 bungalows are spread across the resort, in the garden, beachfront on the sand and overwater. Generous in size, the bungalows sit under a towering thatched roof providing a feeling of spaciousness. Polished timber floors, minimal furniture and cool stone tiled rain showers create a sleek interior. The overwater bungalows have an outdoor deck, shaded with thatch and equipped with outdoor furniture to laze, take in the views and catch a sea breeze.

The two dining options at Sofitel Moorea are worlds apart: "Pure", open for breakfast, lunch and dinner is smart, casual and relaxed. "K", open for dinner only, is a chic, open air, sand floor dining room overlooking the lagoon. With quirky furniture, lit by chandeliers and candle light, this is an incredibly romantic venue.

In the garden and hidden behind huge antique rustic doors is Le Spa. A gorgeous day spa with seven indoor and outdoor treatment rooms set amidst tropical gardens and water features that calm and soothe. Treatments at LeSpa include French Polynesia's signature scent, the sweet floral fragrance of the native tiaré gardenia. Tiaré essence is blended with coconut oil to create the famous monoi. There are two Jacuzzis for soaking whilst enjoying panoramic views across the lagoon.

✈ 10 mins + 🚗 10 mins OR 🚢 30 mins + 🚗 10 mins

main pic Overwater Bungalows private deck; *left from top* SoSpa massage; swimming pool and lagoon; traditional Tahitian welcome; Overwater Bungalows; and Overwater Bungalow interior.





HILTON MOOREA LAGOON RESORT & SPA

An Envious Position

The Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa occupies an enviable position between Cook's Bay and Opunohu Bay, fronting onto wonderful large white sands and a warm and gentle ten-acre lagoon. The lush deep green mountain flanks one side of the resort creating a kaleidoscope of beautiful blues and gorgeous greens.

Of the one hundred bungalows, half are garden fares, each with a private lanai. The other half are built over the water whilst just a few are on the beach fronting the lagoon.

For Spa lovers, reserve one of the few "Spa bungalows" and receive a spa treatment everyday of your stay in the privacy of your bungalow. These bungalows sit in shallow waters and are accessed from the beach. The spa

bungalows have open-air balconies with spa gardens, massage tables and soak tubs for wonderful scented baths.

The Mandara Spa specialises in island healing traditions using local ingredients that include ginger, tiare flowers and vanilla beans. An array of pampering treatments includes an island footbath, vanilla body wash, coconut body scrub and Polynesian massage.

Dining at the resort is an indoor-outdoor affair between the two restaurants. The Rotu Bar & Grill located near the pool provides a casual, waterfront option for lunch. The Arii Vahine Restaurant provides an over-water experience for breakfast and dinner. In-bungalow dining is also an option for romantics.

✈️ 10 mins + 🚗 15 mins OR 🚢 30 mins + 🚗 25 mins

main pic Overwater Bungalows above the lagoon teeming with tropical fish; *top left* master bedroom; *middle left* restaurant cuisine; *bottom left* main bathroom.



LEGENDS RESORT MOOREA

Villa Living

Wanting an island holiday and more than a resort experience? Live like a local. Pick up a rental car upon your arrival in Moorea and head for Legends Resort and Villas

A cluster of Villas dotted around the hillside on the northwestern edge of the island, offering amazing sunsets across its own lagoon and private motu. These forty-six two and three-bedroom villas are perfectly suited for families or those seeking the flexibility and independence of Villa life with the convenience of optional hotel service.

Each stylish and contemporary stone and timber villa has a fully equipped kitchen and living area opening directly onto a timber deck with expansive views and a sunken Jacuzzi creating an indoor-outdoor living space. The interiors, with polished timber floors, rattan furniture and cream soft furnishings with a splash of tropical color, creates a relaxed island atmosphere.

✈️ 10 mins + 🚗 35 mins OR 🚢 30 mins + 🚗 45 mins

Whist you may wish to shop in the local village for baguettes and local treats, the resort also offers a catering service with dishes prepared by a French chef and delivered to your villa. Legends also have a well-equipped delicatessen and coffee shop adjacent to the resorts horizon swimming pool.

For those wanting to relax at the beach a shuttle service operates from the Villas to a private white-sand motu a short drive away. The more active can work out at the gym, play tennis, and hike on the scenic walking track, followed by an in-villa massage.

Nothing is too far on Moorea; guests can take advantage of everything from 4WD tours to in-season whale watching, swimming with dolphins, stylish French-inspired restaurants, art galleries, stunning panoramas or a game of golf.

main pic the Legends Resort Moorea lobby; *top right* café and pool area; *middle right* master bedroom opening out onto its private patio; *bottom right* bathroom.

TAHITI

Gateway to Paradise

The island of Tahiti is the largest landmass in French Polynesia. It rises steeply from the ocean and is crowned with rugged, mist-shrouded peaks. The mountainous interior remains largely unpopulated, a mysterious region of dense forest sliced by deep ravines and fast-flowing rivers. Circle island discovery tours depart daily by 4WD and are the recommended way to discover the natural valleys and mountains of Tahiti.

Papeete is the gateway for all arrivals and departures. As most international flights arrive and depart late, an overnight stopover in Papeete is required upon arrival and prior to departure.

Whilst the hotels in Papeete may not equate in standard to the amazing resorts awaiting on the Islands, this is an opportunity to sample Tahiti's vibrant waterfront and adjacent downtown area. The large and lively "Le Marché" marketplace is open daily and in the evenings, the typical and traditional "roulottes" set up and stay late. Mix with the locals in a simple outdoor dining experience with anything on the menu from pizzas to pancakes.



THE ELEGANT RESORTS & VILLAS COLLECTION

Elegant Resorts & Villas have carefully selected what we believe to be the premium hotels in Tahiti. The hotels have been chosen for their location and facilities.

- 1 InterContinental Tahiti Resort
- 2 Hilton Hotel Tahiti
- 3 Radisson Plaza Tahiti

GETTING AROUND TAHITI

Most hotels are close to town and Faa'a International Airport. Upon arrival in Papeete, Elegant Resorts & Villas will arrange for you to be met and seamlessly transferred to your Papeete hotel. For a quick visit to the downtown area and the "Le Marché", in the heart of the downtown area, take a hotel taxi.

TRANSFER DRIVE TIME FROM THE AIRPORT TO HOTEL



INTERCONTINENTAL TAHITI RESORT

An International Atmosphere

InterContinental Resort Tahiti is conveniently located, being close to Faa'a international airport and close to downtown. Facing the lagoon on the west coast of Tahiti there are magical views to Moorea. The Lagoon View and Panoramic View rooms especially afford superb views. The 271 rooms and bungalows are set within 30 acres of tropical gardens, which frame two infinity pools and a private sand beach. The "Deep Nature Spa" offers an enticing and amazing array of therapies from an hour to a day.

InterContinental's Tiare Restaurant is the stage for the islands most talented dance group "Les Gands Ballets" performing spectacular traditional dances, staged Friday & Saturday evenings.

PS: A Green Globe Certified resort.

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right Intercontinental aerial shot



HILTON HOTEL TAHITI

A Tahitian Tradition

Set beside the water, five kilometres from the airport and close to downtown, the Hilton Tahiti serves as one of the city's prime gathering places. The public areas are sheltered by a massive thatch-roof and the centre of attraction is a huge shell chandelier.

To appreciate the lagoon views dine at "The Moevai", built over water, for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Adjacent is an expansive courtyard, a relaxing spot for refreshments and for a local experience, enjoy a cocktail in Quinn's bar.

The Hilton Tahiti has 200 rooms mostly with a lagoon-view. Polished floors, teak fittings and cream soft furnishings create a colonial atmosphere. The Hilton has a fitness centre and small spa and is a convenient Tahiti stopover for those en-route to the affiliated Hilton resorts in Moorea and Bora Bora.

 20 mins

right the Hilton Hotel Tahiti and its lush, tropical surrounds.



RADISSON PLAZA RESORT TAHITI

A Resort With a View

Nestled on and overlooking the famed Matavai Bay all rooms face the large sparkling lagoon pool, outdoor Jacuzzi and majestic South Pacific Ocean.

Contemporary rooms feature a generous balcony equipped with dining setting and sun lounges. Particularly enticing are the ocean view rooms with private outdoor Jacuzzi. Suitable for families are the Ocean View Suites and Ocean Duplex rooms.


Sip exotic cocktails at the Bar and watch incredible fiery sunsets over nearby Moorea. Close by the pool area, is the indoor-outdoor alfresco restaurant where on Saturday evenings you can witness the sensual rhythms of a Tahitian Dance Troupe.

Revitalize at Le Spa with an array of signature products featuring black sand from the resorts very own beach. Work out at the gym and for those who care to venture out take a shuttle to the downtown waterfront area.

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right the Radisson Plaza Resort Tahiti pool overlooking Lafayette Beach.





WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Language

French and Tahitian are the local languages and English is widely spoken and understood.

Currency

The currency is the French Pacific Franc (XPF) aligned to the Euro. Major currencies are widely accepted, as are most credit cards in the resorts, restaurants and tourist shops. ATM machines usually have the best conversion rates. Airports and banks conveniently exchange money.

Tipping

Tipping is not obligatory however greatly appreciated.

Local Time

Tahiti is 10 hours behind GMT. Enjoy around 12 hours of daylight throughout the year with sunrise occurring around 0600 and sunset around 1800

Business Hours

Generally, shopping hours are Monday to Friday 0730-1130 & 1330 to 1700.

Saturday 0730-1130. Many shops and restaurants are closed on Sunday except for the Papeete market, which opens at 0500.

Mobiles & Laptops

Yes, mobiles and laptops work. The Blackberry is expected to work in the islands from mid 2009.

Electricity

The voltage is 110 or 240 volts depending on the island and resort. We suggest you pack your own adaptors.

The Weather

The islands enjoy a year round tropical climate. The average temperature is 27C and the lagoon temperature is a constant 26C. The less humid months are May to October. November to April is considered summer so expect some tropical showers that have a cooling effect before the sun re-appears.

Packing

Dress casual by day, suitable for a tropical climate. Pack beachwear and shoes suitable for boat transfers. "Island chic" for the evenings; ladies pack a wrap for cooler beachside evenings. Shopping can be limited so pack "everything" that you may require for your Island escape. Luggage allowance on the inter-island flights is 20kg per person. Soft and waterproof is preferable for Island hopping.

draped in raw beauty



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Front Cover St Regis Bora Bora Overwater Bungalow and dominating Mt Otemanu Bora Bora;

Back Cover InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa *Photo: Algothorm by tim@timmckenna.com*

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